

Fact Sheet

California Department of Health Services | Cancer Detection Section

IMPACT

In 2000 the Prostate Cancer Treatment Program was established through Health and Safety code 104322. Known as *IMPACT*, this program provides free prostate cancer treatment services to California's medically underserved men. In 2002 approximately 20,500 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in California.

Providing treatment services to qualified men...Free!

- Radiological tests including: computerized tomography (CT scan), bone scan and X-rays
- Treatment options including: radical prostatectomy, radiation therapy and chemotherapy
- Counseling and health education
- Medications
- Coordination of patient care through nurse case management

To receive free treatment services a man must:

- Be 18 or older
- Have a low-income (at or below 200% of the federal poverty level)
- Be diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Live in California
- Have limited or no health insurance coverage

Making it easier for men to access services...

A toll-free '800' number 1-800-409-8252 qualifies, enrolls and refers men to providers in their community.

- Calls are answered in English and Spanish
- Operates Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Four regional medical centers located in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Sacramento act as primary resources for men to access high quality treatment services. These centers collaborate with multiple local hospitals, clinics and private providers to provide treatment services to qualified men statewide.

A map of the regional treatment areas and more information on the services provided by *IMPACT* can be found at www.california-impact.org.

IMPACT is the only such state-based program in the nation. It is funded through state general funds.

For information and/or referral, men needing prostate cancer treatment services should call 1-800-409-8252, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Calls are answered in English and Spanish.

*Improving Access,
Counseling, and
Treatment for
Californians with
Prostate Cancer*